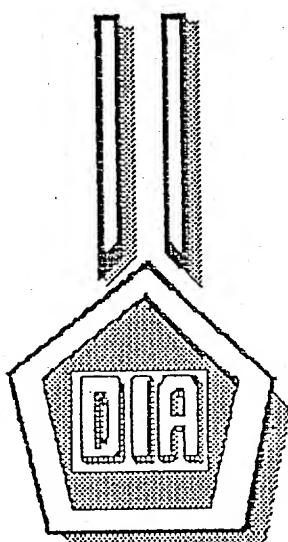


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POTENTIAL TASKING MECHANISM (U)

I. (U) PURPOSE:

(C/NF) The purpose of this report is to highlight key elements necessary for a potential tasking mechanism for project activity.

II. (U) SCOPE:

(U) The material in this report is intended to provide ideas and potential tasking approaches for consideration by whatever element or agency would be involved in the tasking lead role. Consequently, some of the suggested responsibilities would be subject to revision.

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III. SUN STREAK TASK COORDINATING GROUP

Purpose: (C/NF) Primary purpose of the SUN STREAK Task Coordinating Group is to provide a mechanism for identifying potential SUN STREAK operational tasks, inter-agency coordination, information sharing, and data evaluation.

Membership: (C/NF) Members for the SUN STREAK Task Coordinating Group will be identified by Intelligence Community Service and Agency Directors. These individuals will serve as single points of contact for all SUN STREAK activities. Membership will include representatives from OADCIS, AF/IN, C³I, CIA, DIA, DNI, and NSA. The Task Coordinating Group will be chaired by the SUN STREAK Program Manager. It is envisioned that membership may increase as operational tasks become more diversified.

Activities: (S/NF) SUN STREAK Task Coordinating Group activities will include frequent meetings for reviewing SUN STREAK activities, for over-all data sharing, for developing task priorities, for developing task implementation procedures, for developing data assimilation and control procedures, and for other actions as requested by the Program Manager. Individually, Task Coordinating Group members would provide candidate tasks to the SUN STREAK Program Manager, would assist in development of data evaluation methodologies,

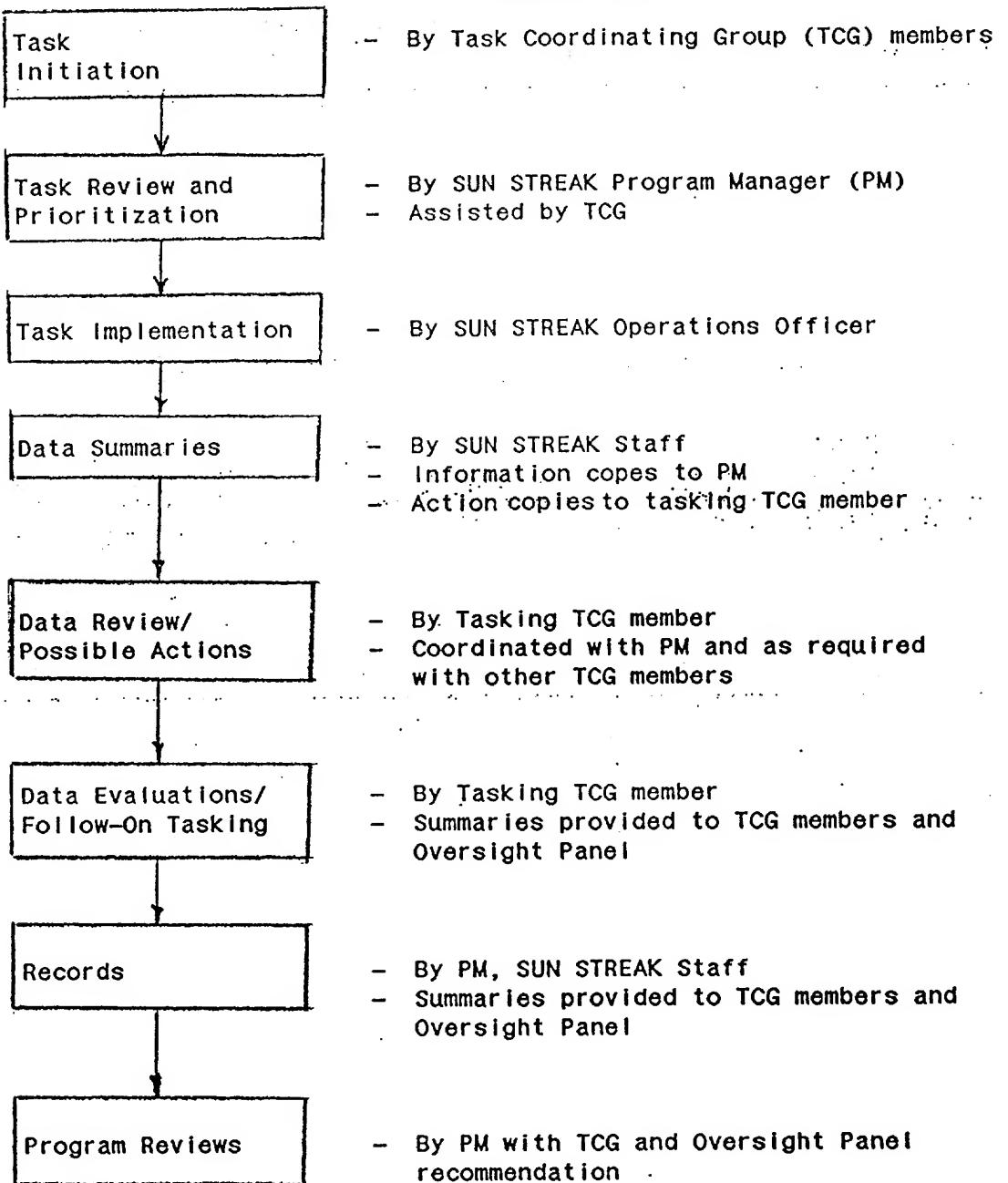
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would provide assessments of data accuracy and utility to the Program Manager, would perform inter-agency coordination for operational activity as required, and would participate in other activities as specified by the chairman. The Task Coordinating Group would also serve as a forum for exchanging information on world-wide research in this area, and would assist the Program Manager in identifying research objectives and funding sources.

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V. TASKING PROCEDURES

o Task Identification

- Task Coordinating Group (TCG) members identify tasks, develop specific questions; assemble background data packages when required, and recommend task priorities.
- TCG members submit task packages to Program Manager (PM).

o Task Acceptance And Prioritization

- Program Manager (PM) reviews tasks to determine acceptance/rejection.
- PM establishes over-all priority based on timing needs, nature of task, and status of on-going projects.
- TCG members are solicited for prioritization assistance when required.
- PM maintains over-all records of task status and provides copies to TCG members on a monthly basis.

o SUN STREAK Operations

- SUN STREAK operations officer receives prioritized tasks from PM.
- Operations officer recommends task priority revisions, if necessary to accommodate scheduling or personnel issues.
- Operations officer may also request task clarification directly from TCG member if necessary.
- Operations officer implements task and inform PM and affected TCG members of schedule.
- Operations officer prepares data summaries for each task from raw data records for official SUN STREAK file, PM, and TCG members. Summaries will contain all aspects of the task protocol with commentary as necessary for data clarification, qualification, and reliability estimation.

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- Operations officer and SUN STREAK staff maintain running detailed project records with key aspects available through automated data base retrieval.

o Data Review And Action

- TCG members review data summaries for their respective tasks and provide preliminary evaluations for PM and project operations officer.
- TCG member may generate follow-on tasking if additional details or clarification are desired.
- Should SUN STREAK data lead to specific operational actions, TCG members will inform PM and other TCG members; inter-agency coordination may be required.
- Should ground truth not be immediately known, task files will be kept open until additional evaluations can be performed.
- Final evaluations, actions, data utilization or other action resulting from SUN STREAK information will be provided to the PM for entry into project records. Over-all results will be provided to all TCG members, although specific sensitive data may be handled on a strict need-to-know basis.

o Over-All Results

- The PM will maintain complete records of over-all results from all operational tasks submitted by TCG members.
- The PM will prepare summary reports and briefings for the Oversight Panel or others as required.
- The PM will conduct periodic reviews to identify improvements in the tasking procedures and for determining possible program redirections.

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